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Notice of Lifting of Suspension Date:

TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF STEEL WIRE ROD FROM VENEZUELA (C-307-814)

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TO: CMC DIRECTORS,
PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT OPERATIONS

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF STEEL WIRE ROD FROM VENEZUELA (C-307-814)

- ON AUGUST 4, 1997, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION IN THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF STEEL WIRE ROD FROM VENEZUELA.
- 2. THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION ARE CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL AND ALLOY STEEL PRODUCTS, IN COILS, OF APPROXIMATELYROUND CROSS SECTION, BETWEEN 5.00 MM (0.20 INCH) AND 19.0 MM (0.75 INCH), INCLUSIVE, IN SOLID

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CROSS-SECTIONAL DIAMETER. SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED ARE STEEL PRODUCTS POSSESSING THE ABOVE NOTED PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND MEETING THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE (HTS)DEFINITIONS FOR (A) STAINLESS STEEL; (B) TOOL STEEL; (C) HIGH NICKEL STEEL; (D) BALL BEARING STEEL; (E) FREE MACHINING STEEL THAT CONTAINS BY WEIGHT 0.03 PERCENT OR MORE OF LEAD, 0.05 PERCENT OR MORE OF BISMUTH, 0.08 PERCENT OR MORE OF SULFUR, MORE THAN 0.4 PERCENT OF PHOSPHORUS, MORE THAN 0.05 PERCENT OF SELENIUM, AND/OR MORE THAN 0.01 PERCENT OF TELLURIUM; OR (F) CONCRETE REINFORCING BARS AND RODS.

THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS ARE ALSO EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION:

COILED PRODUCTS 5.50 MM OR LESS IN TRUE DIAMETER WITH AN AVERAGE PARTIALDECARBURIZATION PER COIL OF NO MORE THAN 70 MICRONS IN DEPTH, NO INCLUSIONS GREATER THAN 20 MICRONS, CONTAINING BY WEIGHT THE FOLLOWING: CARBON GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.68 PERCENT; ALUMINUMLESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.005 PERCENT; PHOSPHOROUS PLUS SULFUR LESSTHAN OR EQUAL TO 0.040 PERCENT; MAXIMUM COMBINED COPPER, NICKEL AND CHROMIUM CONTENT OF 0.13 PERCENT; AND NITROGEN LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.006 PERCENT. THIS PRODUCT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS ``TIRE CORD WIRE ROD."

COILED PRODUCTS 7.9 TO 18 MM IN DIAMETER, WITH A PARTIAL DECARBURIZATION OF 75 MICRONS OR LESS INDEPTH AND SEAMS NO MORE THAN 75 MICRONS IN DEPTH; CONTAINING 0.48TO 0.73 PERCENT CARBON BY WEIGHT. THIS PRODUCT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "VALVE SPRING QUALITY WIRE ROD."

THE PRODUCTS UNDER INVESTIGATION ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER HTSNUMBERS 7213.91.3000, 7213.91.4500, 7213.91.6000, 7213.99.0030, 7213.99.0090, 7227.20.0000, AND 7227.90.6050. HTS NUMBERS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES. THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

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- 3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER C-307-814
- 4. FOR IMPORTS OF STEEL WIRE ROD FROM VENEZUELA, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATIONOF SUCH SHIPMENTS THAT ARE ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROMWAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER AUGUST 4, 1997. EFFECTIVEAUGUST 4, 1997, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE, FOR SUCH ENTRY SUMMARIES, A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE SUBSIDY RATES) SHOWN BELOW:

MFR/PRODUCER CUSTOMS ID

EXPORTER NUMBER PERCENTAGE/SUBSIDY RATE

SIDOR C-307-814-001 13.06 % ALL OTHERS C-307-814 13.06 %

5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, IMPORT OPERATIONS, ANTIDUMPING/COUNTERVAILING DUTY USING THE ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT CHRISTOPHER CASSEL OR ROBERT COPYAK, OFFICE

OF CVD/AD ENFORCEMENT VI, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-2786.

6. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

PAUL SCHWARTZ

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Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party